

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

4TH MEETING OF THE PARTIES

La Jolla, California (USA)

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**GUIDELINES FOR DMLs FOR EXPERIMENTAL FISHING AIMED AT REDUCING
DOLPHIN MORTALITY**

1. When a Party or the Secretariat staff wishes to conduct research or technological development aimed at reducing the incidental mortality of dolphins with equipment, technology, or methods different than those contemplated in the AIDCP, the proposed experiment, including the research protocol, shall be sent to the Secretariat.
2. Once it has received the proposal, the Secretariat shall circulate it to all the Parties and to the members of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) for consideration.
3. If the SAB recommends implementation of the project, including with any modifications, the proposal as adopted by the SAB, shall be presented to the Meeting of the Parties for consideration and, as applicable, approval.
4. If the project is approved by the Parties, any DML required for the experiment shall be taken from the DML allocated to the Party.
5. At the request of the relevant Party or of the Secretariat, the Meeting of the Parties may decide that the DML required for a particular experiment may be taken from the Reserve DML Allocation (RDA).